## [Abstract]

## [Summary]

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Method for coding moving picture according to the present invention, in a moving picture coding system using multiple reference picture, a reference picture index of the frame macroblock is determined at a macroblock level by determining the reference picture index of frame unit at a picture (or slice) level and respectively allocating a lower index and a higher index to a top reference field and a bottom reference field while sequentially visiting the reference frames according to an order of reference picture index of frame unit, the top and bottom field indexes being giving by an equation:

top reference field index = 2 x picture index of
reference frame; and

bottom reference field index =  $2 \times \text{picture}$  index of reference frame + 1.

Also, Method for coding moving picture according to the present invention, in a moving picture coding system using multiple reference picture, a reference picture index of the frame macroblock is determined at a macroblock level by determining the reference picture index of frame unit at a picture (or slice) level and respectively allocating a lower index and a higher index to a top reference field and a bottom reference field while sequentially visiting the reference frames according to an order of reference picture index of frame unit, the top and bottom field indexes being giving by an equation:

top reference field index =  $2 \times picture$  index of reference frame + 1; and

bottom reference field index =  $2 \times \text{picture}$  index of reference frame.

## [Representative Drawing]

Fig.8